

Senators,

As of now, most Veterans come home to unemployment or under-employment without benefits. We are on the back end of a seniority list because of our age of discharge, with many arriving just off the battlefields onto a second job later in life as they participate in a civilian workforce. With a paid day off guaranteed, our returning Veteran's are given an even chance along with all our teachers, politicians, trade unions laborers, school children, or our city, state, and federal workers who now are able to participate in all the Veteran's Day festivities to honor all Veterans past and present on Veteran's Day. Please require all Connecticut Employers to grant all those United States of America Veterans a day off with pay. As of now only a few are able to participate in honoring past or present service of their brothers and sisters in uniform with most left out of this day to honor. We can verify status by Connecticut employers requiring a copy of their discharge paper DD-214 by all Veteran's in Connecticut's work force. Veterans Day off with pay, or in the event work is mandatory Veteran's will be paid Double Time and ½ for working that honored day. Please make this a State Law to honor all my brothers and sisters who have worn or now wear the uniform of the USA Armed Forces.

Sincerely

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